

**FIFTH ANNUAL
ISLE OF MAN SPORTS CLUBS CHALLENGE SERIES**

SQUASH 'BLITZ' CLUB TEAM COMPETITION

Supported by the Isle of Man Department of Tourism & Leisure

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Tourism and Leisure Division
St. Andrew's House, Finch
Road,

Your Personal Invitation to Send Your Squash Teams to the Isle of Man (16th/18th April 2010)

Dear Club Secretary,

This competition is part of the Isle of Man Sports Clubs Challenge Series – a range of competitions specifically intended for club players who may not normally have the opportunity of going on tour.

We would be delighted if you could arrange for a team from your club to be represented in this fantastic sporting and social weekend. In addition, the event has been designed for your supporters, even non-playing friends, who are all encouraged to join your team.

Our sports facilities are excellent, including the multi-million pound National Sports Centre. More importantly, our Island's sports fraternity are renowned for both their organisational abilities and their hospitality.

This leaflet will provide you with all the information about this event, including the contact details of people who will be pleased to answer any of your questions. You can also visit the event website www.iomsportschallenge.com.

Due to the combined generosity of the supporters of this event, you are guaranteed a great and very affordable weekend which you will not want to miss. In addition, if your team wins, not only will you receive a **£300 team prize**, but you will be able to defend your title in 2011 with a **£175 tour voucher**, plus a **£50 drinks voucher** to celebrate.

Yours in sport.

Michael Doherty, Events Manager
Special Events Department
Isle of Man Department of Tourism & Leisure



Isle of Man Squash Association

Welcome to the Isle of Man 2010 Squash 'Blitz' Club Team Competition

On behalf of the Isle of Man Squash Association, I would like to add my personal invitation to that of our Department of Tourism & Leisure in welcoming you to the fifth year of this event.

We have designed a team competition specifically for your men and/or women club players who normally may not have the opportunity to go on 'tour' to represent your club who have not played County-Level or above (Division A) squash in the last ten years or who are not currently world-ranked. However, although the squash is important, it is the whole weekend experience that we aim to make memorable. It is for this reason that we created an event that also appeals to non-team club members and supporters who enhance the weekend's atmosphere.

The Association has a long history of hosting competitions, including the Island Squash Championships. Being on an Island, we always try that little bit harder to make our guests welcome. If you decide to join us, you will be certain to enjoy a well organised sporting and social weekend.

For any further information about this event, please do not hesitate to contact **Mike** on **07624 483346** (office hours).

Les Callow, President
Isle of Man Squash Association

FROM KESSINGLAND LADS SQUASH CLUB

I would like to say that last year's weekend was superb and I didn't think it could be bettered. I was wrong. What a superb weekend you put on for us this year. Thanks so much to Mike for picking us up at the airport. The team were very grateful. He went that extra mile. The hotel that you had for us was exceptional. We were treated very well by the staff and the quality of the food and rooms was excellent. I hope you can book the same hotel for next year.

The squash was as expected great fun and very well organised by Les and Patric. It makes it a much better competition when you are guaranteed that the people in charge know exactly how to cater for such a large number of players. It ran very smoothly indeed. The one drawback is I have definitely got to get fitter for next year.

It was our second year at the Isle of Man Squash Blitz and as everyone can probably guess by my email, we look forward to coming back next year and having another fun-packed weekend. From all my team and myself, I would like to say a huge thank you to you everyone in the Isle of Man involved with the event.

See you next year.

Max Dawson, 2009

THE COMPETITION

- 6 players per team (men, women or mixed) in seeded order, and players will not be allowed to play at a higher seed once the competition starts, i.e. seed 2 cannot play at 4 or 5. An optional sub-player may be included in the team.
- Maximum two juniors per team.
- Players must **NOT** have played at **County-Level or above (Division A)** in the last 10 years and no currently world-ranked players.
- Timed games using American scoring.
- All points go towards your team's overall score.
- Depending on the number of team entries, the top 8 teams will go through to the quarter final on Sunday. In the event of a draw, scores will be counted back in seed order. The remaining teams will be entered into a late competition, also on Sunday
- Each team must provide a referee who is also prepared to mark games.
- Depending on the number of entries, this will be a multi-venue competition within the 'greater Douglas' area, so there will be a little travel by coach between venues (all transfers included in the tour prices).
- For more information about the **competition only**, please contact **Les Callow (07624 494734)** or **Patric Russell (07624 495868)**.

£1,500 TEAM COMPETITION PRIZES & VOUCHERS

- 1st Prize** – **£300** prize money, a **£175** tour voucher and a **£50** drinks voucher for your team when you defend your title in the Isle of Man in 2011, plus a **trophy**.
- 2nd Prize** – **£150** prize money, a **£150** tour voucher and a **£50** drinks voucher for 2011 plus a **trophy**.
- 3rd Prize** – **£75** prize money, a **£125** tour voucher and a **£50** drinks voucher for 2011 plus a **trophy**.
- 4th Prize** – **£100** tour voucher and a **£50** drinks voucher for 2011.
- 5th Prize** – **£75** tour voucher and a **£50** drinks voucher for 2011.
- 6th Prize** – **£50** tour voucher and a **£50** drinks voucher for 2011.
- PLUS** – **Trophy** for Plate Competition.
- PLUS** – **FREE** tour T-shirt for all players and supporters on arrival.

Please note that the Tour Vouchers mentioned here cannot be exchanged for cash, or any other goods or services. In addition, although this event is scheduled again for 2011, the use of the vouchers is of course subject to the competition being held.

CHESTERHOUSE HOTEL

This is an excellent hotel located on the promenade overlooking Douglas Bay. This is the main hotel and HQ for the event including some of the social activities – Friday night team leaders' registration and reception. Allocation to this hotel is based on a 'first come, first served' basis. There is also a get together on Saturday night and again on Sunday at the Onchan Squash Club.

TRAVEL ITINERARY & TOUR PRICE

The ferry is currently scheduled by the ferry company to depart Heysham **Friday 16th April at 14.15 hours**, returning **Sunday 18th April at 19.45 hours** (usually a 3½ hour journey). As we have only limited spaces available on these ferries, it pays to book early. However, other ferry times, including departures from Liverpool may be av on req. As such ferry departure times may be earlier than the Heysham ferry, any teams choosing to leave the tournament prior to its scheduled completion on Sunday afternoon in order to travel from the island by sea or air, may not be eligible to compete for prizes. Due to the generosity of the sponsors of this event, the tour price is just **£129**, plus a Registration Fee of **£20** per person. As a supplement, **extra nights on the Island can be arranged at £25 per person per night (B&B)**.

Please note: Bookings cannot be made direct with any Island hotel or the ferry company.

SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME

Whether you bring one or more teams, this event is a sporting and social occasion, so why not also bring some team reserves and/or other non-team club members with you, plus other supporters and friends? They are all sure to enjoy themselves on this great weekend. However, as the cost are averaged out, the prices are the same for everyone.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Tour prices include your ferry to and from the Isle of Man, bed and breakfast accommodation, sports facilities and on-Island coach transfers, including travel to sports venues. Thus you do not need a vehicle on the Island. Flights to the Island are available. However, the airlines require non-refundable payment in full. The best and cheapest option for flights is to book online. Not included in the tour price is an optional **£5** limited tour insurance, and all meals except breakfast (some hotels will provide you with an evening meal, but prices vary). You will also need to make your own travel arrangements to and from the Heysham ferry terminal.

BOOKING INFORMATION

One group booking is required per club which includes the team players and non-team players. The deposit is **£25** payable with the **£20** Registration Fee, **i.e. a total of £45 per person** (one cheque) due by **30th November 2009**. For payments by card, please contact **Mike** on **07624 483346** (office hours). If the above date is causing you any problems collecting your deposits, contact Mike as he may be able to help. Please note that you do not need to wait until you have every deposit before sending your cheque. There are benefits for booking early (see bottom of page) so do not miss out by waiting for late deposits.

Finally, please note that your group's deposit and Registration Fee will only be refunded in full if we cannot offer your group a place in the competition. However, group members must be advised that although individually their **deposits and Registration Fees are not refundable** in any other circumstances, they can be transferred from one person to another. There will be a small charge once names have been forwarded to hotels and ferry company.

TO MAKE A BOOKING

To make a booking, please send us the following information, preferably on your Club stationery (or state your Club name). Alternatively, print off a Booking Form from our website www.iomsportschallenge.com:

Club Secretary/Team Leader Details

- First Name
- Surname
- Correspondence Address (including postcode)
- Contact Telephone Numbers (preferably a day number and a mobile)
- E-mail Address

Group Size

- Expected total group size (additions can be made at a later date) AND the number of teams.
- Of the above total, please state the number team players, and the number of non-players, supporters etc, and the number of males and females in your group.

Financial

- The amount of your cheque that you are enclosing based on the expected group size at **£45 per person** (£25 deposit plus £20 Registration Fee). Please make your cheque payable to **Budgetmann Tours & Travel Limited** who hold all finances on behalf of our Association.
- If you have already paid by card, please state the amount you have paid and the date of the payment.

Other

Please sign and date your booking, stating your position in your Club (Secretary, Captain, etc.) and send it to: **Mike, Budgetmann Tours & Travel Limited, Cubbon House, 48 Loch Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2LZ**. You will receive a receipt by return, plus further information.

BENEFITS OF BOOKING EARLY

Wherever possible we try to allocate you the ferries of your choice. However, where demand exceeds supply and/or hotel allocations have to be decided, we give preference to the lowest Booking Registration Number (only allocated on receipt of your deposit), so it pays to book early.